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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sirs:

Please advise me of the status of Willems Application No. 09/997,934, filed 11/30/01, for a Sprung Surface Handle, with raised handle-protecting portions, in which refusal of claims 1-12 was reversed by the Board of Appeals, mailed April 26, 2006.

Very truly yours,

Robert D. Hornbaker

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